Neglect of Ghalib Haveli

1592. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the famous poet and scholar Ghalib's haveli, tomb and Zauk's tomb are in a state of neglect and indifference of people and authorities;

(b) whether Government is aware that railing surrounding the tomb of Ghalib are being used for drying clothes;

(c) if so, the details of action taken by the Government to restore the sanctity of these places; and

(d) what Government has done to publicize these places so that tourists are able to visit these places of national importance?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Ghalib's tomb at Nizamuddin and Zauk's tomb at Nabi Karim Paharganj, New Delhi, are protected monuments and are in a good state of preservation. Ghalib's haveli is not a centrally protected monument.

(b) to (c) Due to the location of the monument in a congested area, such usage by local people cannot be ruled out. However, local staff has instructions to be vigilant and prevent such occurrences.

(d) Public awareness programmes are conducted from time to time to sensitize the people on heritage issues. Information about the centrally protected monuments is also available on the website of the ASI. The Government has set up a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities with heritage awareness as part of its mandate.

Effect of slowdown in American economy on Indian economy

†1593. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has carried out any estimate of adverse effects of slowdown in American economy on the Indian economy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL) : (a) and (b) The Government monitors and evaluates, from time to time, the effect of global economic developments on the Indian economy in formulating its economic policies. While exact effects of the slowdown of the American economy are difficult to quantify because of the complexity of the crisis and as the developments in the American economy are still unfolding, it is expected that there may be some moderation in India's capital flows and in the growth of exports. The Government has already announced a package of measures to address these concerns.

Indian Overseas Bank

1594. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

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